

CHAPTER 75: SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

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Sec. 75.01 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (a) *Collector Streets* means the central street or drive into each residential area.
- (b) *Roadway* means the entire width of the road or street open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder.
- (c) *Side Streets* means the residential streets or roadways that intersect the collector streets.
- (d) *Snow Emergency* means a particular type of travel emergency caused by winter weather conditions including ice, freezing rain, sleet, snow, blowing and drifting snow and/or blizzards.
- (e) *Snow Emergency Routes* - Those streets marked as such in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (f) *Travel Emergency* means a situation, actual or impending, which represents hazardous conditions for the normal use of roadways which may be caused by or result from accumulations of ice, freezing rain, sleet, snow, blowing drifting snow, blizzards, flood water, high water, wind caused damage, roadway damage or any other hazardous event.
- (g) *Travel Warning* means an advisory communication issued to warn vehicle operators of conditions which present a hazard to the normal operation of motor vehicles on roadways. A Travel Warning may be issued for a hazardous event which affects the normal use of roadways.

Sec. 75.02 Mayor's Declarations.

- (a) If the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, determines that actual or expected weather conditions are creating or will create hazardous or dangerous roadway conditions of sufficient severity to require specialized travel procedures, the Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall have the authority to declare that any of the following conditions exists:
 - (1) Travel Warning—Level I
 - (2) Travel Emergency—Level II or III
 - (3) Snow Emergency—Level II or III
- (b) All Travel and Snow Emergencies shall be declared by the Mayor or, the Mayor's designee, by issuing an announcement on local radio, television, and/or other news services. Such declaration shall include the action taken by the Mayor, the time the action became or will become effective, and areas affected. Such declaration shall be recorded by the Mayor or Mayor's designee indicating the time and date when any declaration is announced to the public under this section.
- (c) Once declared, the Travel or Snow Emergency shall continue until the Mayor or the Mayor's designee declares the prohibition terminated, in whole or in part, in the same manner as provided for its declaration in Section 75.02 (b) above.

Sec. 75.03 Issuance of Weather Warnings and Emergencies.

(a) *Travel Warning—Level I*

The following conditions, requirements or restrictions apply under a Level I Travel Warning:

- (1) Travel Warnings may be issued whenever situations exist which may present hazardous driving conditions for motor vehicles on City roadways. Hazardous driving conditions which may affect roadways include high water, ice or snow, trees or limbs down on roads, utility poles or power lines blocking roads, damage debris on the roads or other situations.
- (2) All warnings issued under this ordinance shall be publicly announced by means of television and radio broadcasts located within a normal operating range covering Wayne County, Indiana.

- (3) The termination of a Travel Warning shall be announced in the same manner when the condition or conditions which gave rise to the warning no longer exist.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, when a travel warning is issued, no unusual restriction on travel or parking of motor vehicles on City roadways are imposed or implied. Motorists are free to travel at their discretion, but should exercise caution to ensure the safe operation of their vehicle.
- (5) A Travel Emergency issued pursuant to this chapter shall supersede any Travel Warning issued for the same event, roadways, or area.

(b) ***Travel Emergency—Level II: Essential Travel Only Permitted***

The following conditions, requirements or restrictions apply under a Level II Travel Emergency or Snow Emergency:

- (1) Under a Travel Emergency—Essential Travel Only, Roadways are, or are expected to be, closed or impassable in major sections of the City and travel represents a risk of injury to motorists. When the primary hazard causing the Travel Emergency is a winter weather event, such as ice, freezing rain, or snow, this particular type of Travel Emergency will be announced as a “**Snow Emergency—Essential Travel Only.**”
- (2) Only essential travel shall be permitted. Essential travel includes travel :
 - (i) To and from work;
 - (ii) To obtain essential medical care;
 - (iii) To obtain essential medications;
 - (iv) To obtain essential supplies of food or fuel;
 - (v) To a place of safe shelter.
- (3) Employers shall use discretion in implementing an emergency response plan for their employees.
- (4) Travel or Snow Emergencies permitting only essential travel shall be publicly announced, as shall their termination, in the manner described in section 75.02.

(c) ***Travel Emergency—Level III: Travel Prohibited***

The following conditions, requirements or restrictions apply under a Level III Travel Emergency or Snow Emergency:

- (1) Under a Travel Emergency—Travel Prohibited, a major portion of the roadway network is closed or impassable, and conditions make it impossible to safely operate motor vehicles on the roadway. When the primary hazard

causing the Travel Emergency is a winter weather event, such as ice, freezing rain, or snow, this particular type of Travel Emergency will be announced as a ***“Snow Emergency—Travel Prohibited”***

- (2) Travel is prohibited to all vehicles, except for the following personnel who are at that time engaged in necessary emergency actions:
 - (i) *Emergency Personnel* includes rostered members of law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency medical services, search and rescue organizations, rescue squads, military, disaster relief organizations, partner organizations, emergency management and requested mutual aid personnel.
 - (ii) *Critical Occupations* includes employees of utility companies, highway departments, wrecker services, fuel suppliers, hospital and healthcare organizations, news media and railroad employees.
- (3) Any motorists traveling when prohibited shall be in violation of this section and fined \$50.00.
- (4) Travel or Snow Emergencies prohibiting travel shall be publicly announced, as shall their termination, in the manner described in section 75.02.

Sec. 75.04 Traffic Prohibitions during Weather Emergencies.

The following conditions, requirements or restrictions apply under a Level II or Level III Travel Emergency or Snow Emergency:

- (a) Any vehicle parked, stalled, incapable of moving under its own power or left unattended in a roadway designated as a Snow Emergency Route shall be issued a fine, towed, and impounded.
- (b) The owner of any vehicle in violation of this section shall be responsible for all fines, towing, and storage fees.

Sec. 75.05 Snow Emergency Routes Designated.

The following streets or portions of streets within the City are designated as Snow Emergency Routes:

Roadways

Indiana Avenue
Williamsburg Pike
NW L Street
Salisbury Road

NW 5th to State Hospital
to State Right of Way
Bridge Avenue to Salisbury Road
Industries Road to U.S. 40

NW 5th/SW 5th Street
Bridge Avenue
Sim Hodgkin Parkway
Hub Etchinson Ave
G Street Bridge
Abington Pike
Toschlog Road
Liberty Ave
Wernle Road
Sheridan Street
Sylvan Nook Drive
North E Street
South E Street
South 23rd Street
Henley Road
West Eaton Pike
Hodgin Road
Garwood Road
South 37th Street
South L Street
Fort Wayne Avenue
Richmond Avenue
North D Street
North 5th/South 5th
South 13th Street
Main Street
4th Street
5th Street
6th Street
7th Street
10th Street
2nd Street
Rich Road
NW 11th Street
Progress Drive
Union Pike
Industries Road
Round Barn Road
Gaar Jackson Road
Crowe Road
NW 18th/SW 18th
NW 13th/SW 13th
G Street
College Ave
Hidden Valley Drive
Test Road

U.S. 40 to Williamsburg Pike
from beginning to end
U.S. 27 to Hub Etchinson Ave.
U.S. 40 to G Street
Hub Etchinson Ave to South 5th
G Street to Test Road
U.S. 40 to City limits
South 5th to City limits
South 9th to City limits
Richmond Avenue to end
U.S. 27 to dead end
South 8th Street to Glen Miller Park
South 5th Street to Henley Road
Main Street to South L Street
East Main Street to Wernle Road
East Main Street to City limits
Henley to Industrial Parkway
U.S. 40 to Hodgin Road
U.S. 40 to Hodgin Road
Liberty Avenue to Henley Road
from beginning to end
North 5th to NW 9th Street
Fort Wayne Ave to North 5th Street
Richmond Ave to South Q Street
Main Street to South 14th Street
Salisbury Road to South 11th Street
North E Street to South E Street
North E Street to South E Street
North E Street to South E Street
North E Street to South E Street
South A Street to North E Street
South A Street to North E Street
Williamsburg Pike to Salisbury Rd
NW L to Rich Road
NW 5th to NW 11th
NW 5th to Industries Road
Round Barn Road to S.R. 27
U.S. 40 to Gaar Jackson Road
Salisbury to Round Barn Road
Salisbury to Round Barn Road
from U.S. 40 to State Hospital
from U.S. 40 to State Hospital
Hub Etchinson Ave to College Ave
U.S. 40 to Dead end
U.S. 40 to end
Liberty Ave to Abington Pike

South Q Street
 Peacock Road
 Waterfall Road
 Oak Park Drive
 University Blvd
 North J Street
 North 10th Street
 North F Street
 North 10th Street
 North 22nd Street
 Southeast Parkway
 Industrial Parkway
 Backmeyer Road
 Gravel Pit Road
 Hayes Aboretum Road
 Elks Road
 North 20th Street
 South 14th Street
 North 20th Street
 Service Drives downtown area

Liberty Ave to South 8th Street
 NW 5th Street to Salisbury Road
 from bridge to Sheridan Street
 from beginning to end
 U.S. 27 to end
 U.S. 27 to North E Street
 U.S. 27 to North E Street
 North 10th to North 19th Street
 North E Street to South A Street
 North E Street to South E Street
 Henley Road to South E Street
 U.S. 40 to Hodgkin Road
 Garwood Road to Henley Road
 U.S. 40 to City limits
 U.S. 40 to City limits
 U.S. 40 to City limits
 North E Street to East Main Street
 Boston Pike to South 13th Street
 Hawkins Road to East Main Street

- (a) Snow removal crews will first work to keep the main roadways clear during a declared Snow Emergency.
- (b) After main roadways are cleared first, then snow removal crews will next work to have snow removed from the collector streets in residential areas during a declared Snow Emergency.

Sec. 75.06 Clearing of Sidewalks, Driveways, and Mailboxes.

The following conditions, requirements or restrictions apply under a Level II or Level III Travel Emergency or Snow Emergency:

- (a) ***Driveways and Mailboxes:*** Driveways and areas around mailboxes may become impassable due to snow removal operations. When this occurs it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove the snow from the driveway and the area around a mailbox.
- (b) ***Sidewalks:*** It is the duty of the occupant, or owner if there is no occupant, of a tenement, building, lot, or parcel of land in the City, fronting on any improved sidewalk to clean the sidewalk in front of the tenement, building, lot, or parcel of land, of snow or ice, by 10:00 a.m. of each day, and to keep it clean of snow or ice.
- (c) ***Private Property using Street for Snow Removal:*** Persons shall not push snow from parking lots, driveways or property into the street.

Sec. 75.99 Penalty.

- (a) The owner or operator of any vehicle violating any provision of this chapter shall be fined \$50.00.
- (b) Any person violating any provision other than 75.99(a) of this chapter is subject to a fine ranging from Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per violation.